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SUBJECT: RELEASE REQUESTED FOR HONDURAN VESSEL HELD IN
MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA

1. EMBASSY HONDURAS HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM BANCAHSA TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF A HONDURAN BOAT BEING HELD IN MORGAN CITY. ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY SUGGESTED BANCAHSA RAISE THE MATTER SEPARATELY WITH THE HONDURAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE HONDURAN CONSULATE IN NEW ORLEANS, THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ARE PRESENTED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND.

2. ABOUT MARCH 20, 1975 AN EMBARGO WAS PLACED UPON A HONDURAN BOAT BELONGING TO "ACUARIUS II, HONDURAS, S.A. DE C.V." WHICH HAS ITS OFFICES IN GUANAJA, IN THE BAY ISLANDS. THE EMBARGO WAS PLACED BY JOHN GOFFNEY AND STEVEN KIMBER OF LONG BEACH, CALIF. THE BOAT IS REGISTERED IN HONDURAS AND CARRIES THE HONDURAN FLAG.

3. THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE CORPORATION INCLUDE MR. GOFFNEY AND MR. KIMBER, DONALD VERNON ALLEN OF NEW ORLEANS, WILLY RANDOLPH EBANKS, A HONDURAN CITIZEN, AND MUNDIRAMA TRAVEL SERVICE, S.A., A HONDURAN FIRM.

4. ON FEBRUARY 20, 1972, THE NAMED CORPORATION OBTAINED A LOAN FROM BANCAHSA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 PLACING AS SECURITY A MORTGAGE ON THE BOAT. ABOUT MARCH 13, 1975 THE BOAT WAS TAKEN TO MORGAN CITY FOR REPAIRS WHEREUPON AN EMBARGO (OR SOME LEGAL RESTRAINT) WAS PLACED UPON THE
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BOAT. ALTHOUGH REPAIRS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED THE BOAT CANNOT

RETURN TO SERVICE. ITS PRIMARY USE IS TO BRING TOURISTS AND
SKIN DIVERS TO THE BAY ISLANDS FROM NEW ORLEANS.

5. THE HONDURAN COMPANY IS REPRESENTED IN NEW ORLEANS BY
NORMAN PIZZA OF REUTER & RUETER. HIS PHONE NUMBER IS:
504-581-2477.

6. BANCAHSA PRESIDENT CAPT. SAN MARTIN REQUESTS ANY
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF THE BOAT.
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